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The "Group A" documents are being cited because they were cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in connection with a counterpart European application. A copy of the European Search Report dated November 10, 2004 is enclosed.

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